

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TREVOR SHAPIRO and JOHANNA QVIST,  
Plaintiffs,

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Docket: 23-cv-3964 (LGS)

-against-

**CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION**

TRUDY JACOBSON and STEPHEN KOMOREK,  
Defendants.

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TRUDY JACOBSON,  
Third-Party Plaintiff,  
-against-

CONFLICT INTERNATIONAL INC.,  
Third-Party Defendant.

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WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into a confidentiality agreement, it is hereby;

AGREED that the following restrictions and procedures shall apply to the information and documents exchanged by the parties in connection with the pre-trial phase of this action:

1. Counsel for any party may designate any document or information, in whole or in part, as confidential if counsel determines, in good faith, that such designation is necessary to protect the interests of the client in information that is proprietary, a trade secret, or otherwise sensitive non-public information ("Confidential Information"). Information and documents designated by a party as confidential will be stamped "CONFIDENTIAL." The parties understand and acknowledge that, to the extent that the document production and deposition testimony of Trevor Shapiro and Johanna Qvist contains personal information such as social security numbers, dates of birth, bank account information and other personal information, such documents and portions of their deposition testimony shall be deemed to be "Confidential Information" although not marked as such in the document production already made to defendants' counsel in the above-captioned matter.
2. The Confidential Information disclosed will be held and used by the person receiving such information solely for use in connection with any of the following matters (hereinafter, the "Matters"): (1) the above-captioned matter, i.e., Trevor Shapiro and Johanna Qvist v. Trudy Jacobson and Stephen Komorek; (2) Stephen Komorek and API International Consulting Group, Inc. v. Conflict International Inc. and Andrew McLaren; (3) Conflict International, Inc., and Conflict International, Ltd., v. Stephen Komorek and API International Consulting Group, Inc.; and (4) Trudy Jacobson v. Conflict International, Inc., Andrew McLaren, Jane Doe, and John Doe.
3. In the event a party challenges another party's designation of confidentiality, counsel shall make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute, and in the absence of a resolution,

the challenging party may seek resolution by the Court. Nothing in this Protective Order constitutes an admission by any party that Confidential Information disclosed in this case is relevant or admissible. Each party reserves the right to object to the use or admissibility of the Confidential Information.

4. Documents designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” shall not be disclosed to any person, except:
  - a. The requesting party and counsel, including in-house counsel;
  - b. Employees of such counsel assigned to and necessary to assist in the litigation;
  - c. Consultants or experts assisting in the prosecution or defense of the Matters, to the extent deemed necessary by counsel; and
  - d. The Court (including the mediator, or other person having access to any Confidential Information by virtue of his or her position with the Court).

The parties should meet and confer if any production requires a designation of “For Attorneys’ or Experts’ Eyes Only.”

5. Prior to disclosing or displaying the Confidential Information to any person, counsel must:
  - a. Inform the person of the confidential nature of the information or documents;
  - b. Inform the person that this Court has enjoined the use of the information or documents by him/her for any purpose other than litigation of the Matters and has enjoined the disclosure of the information or documents to any other person; and
  - c. Require each such person to sign an agreement to be bound by this Order in the form attached as Exhibit A.
6. The disclosure of a document or information without designating it as “CONFIDENTIAL” shall not constitute a waiver of the right to designate such document or information as Confidential Information. If so designated, the document or information shall thereafter be treated as Confidential Information subject to all the terms of this Stipulation and Order.
7. Any Personally Identifying Information (“PII”) (e.g., social security numbers, financial account numbers, passwords, and information that may be used for identity theft) exchanged in discovery shall be maintained by the receiving party in a manner that is secure.
8. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502, the production of privileged or work product protected documents or communications, electronically stored information (“ESI”) or information, whether inadvertent or otherwise, shall not constitute a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a party’s right to conduct a review of documents, ESI or information (including metadata) for relevance, responsiveness and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production.
9. Notwithstanding the designation of information as “CONFIDENTIAL” in discovery,

there is no presumption that such information shall be filed with the Court under seal. The parties shall follow the Court's procedures for requests for filing under seal.

10. At the conclusion of litigation of the Matters, Confidential Information and any copies thereof shall be promptly (and in no event later than 30 days after entry of final judgment no longer subject to further appeal) returned to the producing party or certified as destroyed, except that the parties' counsel shall be permitted to retain their working files on the condition that those files will remain protected.
11. Nothing herein shall preclude the parties from disclosing material designated to be Confidential Information if otherwise required by law or pursuant to a valid subpoena.

SO STIPULATED AND AGREED.

Dated: January 17, 2025  
New York, New York

*/s/ Kenneth F. McCallion*

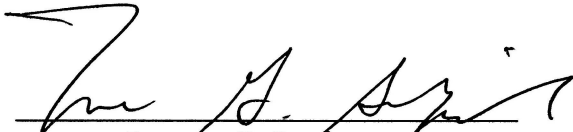
The parties acknowledge that the Court retains discretion as to whether, in Orders and Opinions, to afford confidential treatment to information that the parties have redacted, sealed or designated as confidential.

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So Ordered.

Dated: January 22, 2025  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Agreement**

I have been informed by counsel that certain documents or information to be disclosed to me in connection with the above matters have been designated as confidential. I have been informed that any such documents or information labeled “CONFIDENTIAL” are confidential by Order of the Court. I hereby agree that I will not disclose any information contained in such documents to any other person. I further agree not to use any such information for any purpose other than this litigation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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Name (printed)

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Signature

Signed in the presence of:

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(Attorney)